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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the instant application. Claim 1 has been indicated to be withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Specifically, the Examiner suggests that the claim, as amended in the response filed June 10, 2003, is drawn to subject matter of non-elected Group 4, namely a method for diagnosing the presence of colon cancer in a patient comprising assaying for a CSG mRNA encoded by SEQ ID NO:1. In contrast, elected Group I is a method for diagnosing the presence of colon cancer in a patient comprising assaying for a CSG protein expressed by SEQ ID NO:1

Accordingly, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the CSG comprises a protein expressed by SEQ ID NO:1. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the specification and in particular at page 3, lines 3-13 and page 6, lines 8-15. The claim as amended is drawn to the invention elected in the response to the Restriction Requirement filed December 13, 2002.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the withdrawal from further consideration of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

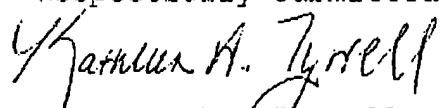
Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and

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complete response to the Office Communication of record.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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